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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York and Chicago. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was usually in a range of cautiously steady to barely steady. Demand was light to instances fairly good. Supplies of the larger sizes were adequate to available while the lighter weights were closely balanced to sufficient. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were more than sufficient for the moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Prices to retailers in the Midwest region were 7 cents lower for the larger sizes and 2 cents lower for mediums. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly barely steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to fairly good, mostly light. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings adequate to about adequate with interest in additional heavy nest runs varying from location to location. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	54-61	55-57
LARGE	52-60	54-58
MEDIUM	51-57	54-57

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

RANGE

LARGE	37-41
MEDIUM	34-38
SMALL	12-16

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was cautiously steady to barely steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged mostly light to instances good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were more than sufficient for normal processing schedules.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	61-75	64-67
LARGE	57-72	62-66
MEDIUM	56-68	58-60

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Extra large prices 7 to 8 cents lower, large prices down 7 to 9 cents and mediums decreased .5 to 3 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Retail demand mixed, light to occasionally fairly good with some feature activity scheduled. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies of larger sizes adequate to fully adequate, mediums in close balance.

RANGE

EXTRA LARGE	63-73
LARGE	62-70
MEDIUM	56.5-64

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was about steady to barely steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient on the larger sizes and closely balanced on lighter weights. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for about adequate to adequate offerings. Light type fowl were more than sufficient for normal processing schedules.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	63-76	65-68
LARGE	62-72	63-66
MEDIUM	54.5-62	55-59

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was unsettled entering the week. Retail demand ranged light to moderate, best where sporadic feature activity was a factor. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs.

RANGE

EXTRA LARGE	71-75
LARGE	69-73
MEDIUM	65-69

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand in a full range. Supplies adequate.

RANGE

EXTRA LARGE	60-66
LARGE	58-64
MEDIUM	55-61

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WESTERN Prices 8 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents lower on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 40% higher than last Monday with California up 42% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 37%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 8 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 42% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand just fair, best to planned features. Offerings generally adequate. Small benchmark price 68. No new ads noted in Northern California.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

RANGE

JUMBO	100
EXTRA LARGE	97
LARGE	94
MEDIUM	88

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

RANGE

JUMBO	259-339
EXTRA LARGE	249-319
LARGE	219-229
MEDIUM	189-199

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

RANGE

JUMBO	255-339
EXTRA LARGE	239-319
LARGE	215-259
MEDIUM	189-215

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 02, 2003 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 25, 2003 were 215,289 cases which was 44 percent below the prior week and 7 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	168,767	46,522	215,289

% change from the prior week.....

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Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to about adequate with interest in additional heavy nest runs varying from plant to plant. Schedules were mixed. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.
PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	36-38	37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	23-28	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for the at least adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was moderate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-APR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.03
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were unchanged to slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-APR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-11.25 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.51
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 28, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area	
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.0	17.6	9.1	12.5	10.5
	Change	0.1	-1.2	0.3	-0.7	-1.9
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	17.4	51.5	12.8	17.1	25.0
	Change	0.6	18.1	1.7	2.4	3.2
Large	Curr Wk	33.6	99.6	77.5	76.5	88.8
	Change	1.9	38.8	27.1	20.5	35.8
Medium	Curr Wk	8.0	31.6	14.6	14.7	26.7
	Change	-1.9	1.3	0.9	-0.7	10.0
Small	Curr Wk	1.3	6.2	3.2	6.3	10.9
	Change	-0.5	1.6	1.4	1.1	2.9
Misc	Curr Wk	4.9	15.7	7.0	12.5	5.9
	Change	-1.5	-0.9	-0.5	-1.8	0.3
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.4	46.8	12.8	20.5	28.5
	Change	5.2	8.5	-5.1	5.7	5.8
Total	Curr Wk	92.6	269.0	137.0	160.1	196.3
Percent	Change	4%	33%	23%	20%	40%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	855.0	26%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	222.6	2%	37
Total Shell Egg	1077.6	20%	210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	195.2	192.1	183.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 14, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 25, 2003

CURRENT LOADS							32.00	FUTURE LOADS							18.25	TOTAL LOADS							50.25
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST							
GNR W 1	—	—	42.00	43.00	37.50	40.00	3.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46.50	1.00						
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	60.00	3.25						
GL W J	—	—	—	—	48.77	—	3.25	GL W XL	48.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	56.26	5.75						
GL W XL	—	—	55.50	57.00	47.21	—	3.75	GL W LG	47.20	—	—	—	—	—	—	54.02	11.50						
GL W LG	—	—	51.50	53.00	45.79	—	7.50	GL W MD	—	46.00	—	—	—	—	—	50.70	3.50						
GL W MD	—	—	44.50	52.00	42.58	—	5.50																
GL W SM	—	—	29.00	31.00	—	—	.50																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	—	.50																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/21/03-04/25/03

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS									
115.75								60.25								176.00									
SE				NE		MW						SC		NW		MW									
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	41.50	49.50		43.75	44.50	41.10	40.00	17.00	GNR W XL	—	51.00		—	—		—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	—		—	—	3.00
GNR W 4	—	29.00		—	—	24.75	26.50	2.00	GNR W 1	—	—		—	—		—	—	46.75	GNR W 3	—	39.00		—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	69.00		52.00	—	—	55.50	8.00	GNR W 3	—	39.00		—	—		—	—	—	GNR BR 1	—	—		—	66.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—		—	—	48.48	—	5.25	GNR BR 1	—	—		—	—		—	—	66.00	GL W J	—	—		—	59.62	5.25
GL W XL	—	59.00		57.25	58.52	47.92	51.00	44.75	GL W J	—	—		—	—		—	—	59.62	GL W XL	49.20	54.53		—	58.34	36.75
GL W LG	51.00	57.33		53.50	53.96	46.03	51.25	42.75	GL W XL	49.20	54.53		—	—		—	—	58.34	GL W LG	49.93	55.27		54.50	54.74	35.75
GL W MD	—	53.33		50.06	54.71	44.50	54.21	19.00	GL W LG	49.93	55.27		—	54.50		—	—	54.74	GL W MD	48.00	49.00		—	52.66	11.75
GL W SM	29.75	31.88		29.00	31.00	—	—	2.50	GL W MD	48.00	49.00		—	—		—	—	52.66	GL W SM	—	—		—	—	—
NRBS - 50	—	—		—	39.00	—	—	.50	GL BR XL	—	—		—	—		62.00	66.00	.50	NRBS - 50	—	—		—	—	—
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—	35.88	38.64	35.00	GL BR XL	—	—		—	—		62.00	66.00	.50	NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—	—
NRBS - 39	—	—		20.00	22.00	—	—	1.00	GL BR LG	—	—		—	—		—	—	—	NRBS - 39	—	—		—	—	—

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/21/03	04/14/03	04/22/02
PACIFIC COAST	89	124	223
LOS ANGELES	57	85	194

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on smalls; lower on the balance. Supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85.41
LARGE	85.41
MEDIUM	75.65
SMALL	54.27

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 04/13/03-04/19/03
30-dozen case 7,415

Receipts from the mainland: 04/06/03-04/12/03
30-dozen case 10,094

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Egg Quality Control

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 4/24/03

Report Period: 04/06/03 - 04/12/03

	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	
	Shipped to	Shipped to	shipped to	Total
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	State
Arizona	0	0	1,748	1,748
Arkansas	0	0	911	911
Colorado	0	0	4,721	4,721
Iowa	6,429	4,680	57,830	68,939
Maine	0	0	2,207	2,207
Michigan	0	0	750	750
Minnesota	3,124	0	13,427	16,551
Missouri	0	0	5,558	5,558
Montana	0	0	760	760
New Hampshire	0	0	780	780
North Carolina	0	0	1,648	1,648
Ohio	1,520	780	11,861	14,161
Oregon	4,115	7	0	4,122
Texas	0	0	2,250	2,250
Utah	816	2,750	6,257	9,823
Washington	0	288	588	876
Wisconsin	0	1,144	1,520	2,664
TOTAL	16,004	9,649	112,816	138,469
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	16,004	9,649	112,816	138,469